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Governor Rell: Water Conservation Remains Critical

Governor M. Jodi Rell today announced that – following a meeting this morning of the Interagency Drought Work Group, the state’s standing committee established to monitor potential drought conditions – she is continuing to ask residents to avoid non-essential uses of water and to bear in mind an elevated risk of fires statewide.

“We continue to watch the water situation statewide – especially after a number of water companies reported spikes in demand last week during the heat wave – and every day we go without a good, soaking rain the situation will be aggravated,” Governor Rell said. “The spotty weekend showers were not nearly enough to really refill the water table and the forecast for this week remains uncertain.

“While there is no emergency, it is still important to residents to avoid non-essential uses of water like watering lawns or washing cars at home until the water levels are back to normal,” the Governor said. “State agencies will continue to monitor the situation.”

The Drought Work Group said higher demand for water during nighttime hours suggests the increased usage is related to lawn watering. The group is recommending that individuals with automatic watering systems consider having their systems reprogrammed to reduce the flow and/or frequency of watering.